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- 25X1 The DIP (State Industrial Enterprise) "Sŭrp i Chuk" (Hammer and Sickle) military uniform and equipment factory is located about three kilometers from the center of Gabrovo (N 42-52, E 25-19), approximately 500 meters northwest of the railroad station and west of the Yantra River. Formerly Army property, since 1950 it has been under the direction of the Ministry of Light Industry. The factory area is approximately 300 by 400 meters and is enclosed by barbed wire. There are woods to the north and west of the factory. The layout of the factory is shown on the sketch in the Appendix, page 8, which is based on a freehand drawing made by informant. The use of each building is described in the legend to the Appendix, pages 6 and 7.
- 25X1 The factory is divided into a shoe department, a clothing department, a leather goods and tent department, and a shoebox department. With the exception of the production of a relatively small quantity of men's and women's shoes for civilian use, the factory works exclusively for the Army. In addition to about 200 administrative personnel, there are about 1,600 workers. The breakdown of the labor force is as follows: 600 in the shoe department, 200 in the leather goods department, 800 in the clothing department, and five in the shoebox department.
- 25X1 There are usually two shifts of workers, called "Shift A" and "Shift B". Shift A works from 5:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with a half hour for breakfast. Shift B works from 1:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a half hour off for the evening meal. Each

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department of the factory apparently eats at a different time. Workers do not have to eat in the factory dining room, where they pay for meals prepared by a municipal canteen, but may bring their own food. Shifts are changed every week. During the last two months of the year, when it becomes evident that the quotas for the year cannot otherwise be met, the workers of the first shift work a third shift, after the second shift has finished, which means that they actually work from 10:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. the next day. They are paid twice their usual wages (from 13 to 17 leva daily) for the weeks they work double shifts. The factory operates on Sunday, but closes on either Wednesday and Thursday or Thursday and Friday each week because there is no electric power in Gabrovo on those days.

4. The shoe department produces 1,200 to 1,400 pairs of shoes daily. When working to capacity it can produce 1,800 pairs. Of the 25,000 to 30,000 pairs of shoes manufactured each month, about 20,000 pairs are for the Army. Civilian shoes are kept in basement storerooms for some time, but articles for the Army are delivered immediately. The leather goods and tent department makes about four large Army tents weekly which have a double layer of tent material and weigh 240 kilos each; in addition this department produces harnesses, officers' belts, and holster belts. Informant heard that the department produces 19,000 Army holsters every three months. The uniform section makes summer and winter uniforms for officers, privates, and non-commissioned officers, overcoats for officers and privates, and hats; informant did not know the quantities produced.
5. The largest part of the leather used by the factory is from the "Purvi May," "Georgi Kirkov," and "Dimitur Blagoev" tanneries in Gabrovo, but occasionally leather is obtained from a tannery in Kazanluk as well. About one ton of leather and 45-50 square meters of hide are used daily in the shoe section of the factory. The material for summer uniforms and other cotton material used by the uniform section is provided by the "Vilko Chervenkov" textile factory in Gabrovo. Informant did not know where the material for winter uniforms and overcoats is obtained.
6. All work is performed with the use of machinery. The uniform department has 60 electric sewing machines and 25 manually-operated sewing machines. The leather goods and tent department has four machines for cutting leather and 32 electric machines for stitching leather. The shoebox department has one machine which cuts out shoeboxes and one which assembles them. The following machines were used in the shoe department:
 - a. 22 machines for cutting soles;
 - b. 12 machines for cutting uppers;
 - c. 4 machines for trimming soles;
 - d. 2 machines for trimming uppers and slicing shoe stiffening;
 - e. 4 machines for pressing soles and heels;
 - f. 3 machines for making and fitting heels;
 - g. 8 nailing machines;
 - h. 4 machines for stitching the interior parts of shoes;

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- i. 6 machines for stitching soles;
- j. 4 machines for stitching the shanks (vardala) between the outsole and the insole;
- k. 1 machine for cutting shanks;
- l. 8 machines for stretching the uppers on lasts;
- m. 8 machines for trimming the edges of shoes;
- n. 12 machines for polishing soles;
- o. 2 machines for rasping the interior of shoes;
- p. 4 machines for preparing soles for stitching (by making the holes for the thread to pass through);
- q. 60 machines for stitching uppers;
- r. 1 machine for preparing glue; and
- s. 1 machine which tempers the shoes (by heating and drying) and acts as a conveyer belt.

7. Among the 200 administrative personnel of the factory, [] the 25X1 following:

a. Tsanko Gudev, director since 1952; previously director of the State shoe and clothing store in Gabrovo; (the former director of the factory, Valadimir Gaydarov, is now director of the factory store); born about 1915 in Dobromirka (N 43-05, E 25-16), Sevlievo Okoliye []

b. Kostadin Mavrodiev, manager in charge of production and food supply; previously employed by the "United Leather Industry" organization in Burgas; []

c. Tliya Tliev Kamukov, assistant and technical director since 1948 []

d. Kolyu Kolev, secretary to the director []

e. "Zhoru" Georgiev, cashier []

f. Ivan Ivanov, assistant cashier []

g. Kalatinski (fnu), second assistant cashier []

h. Kincho Kinchev, legal advisor []

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- i. Ivan Yonchev, general accountant; said to be a former Army officer; non-Communist and member of no political party; born in Gabrovo about 1918;
- j. Kincho Kinchev (not related to the subject of paragraph 7h), director of personnel since 1951; confined in Turnovo prison as a Communist prior to September 1944; previously worked in a tannery; born in Gabrovo about 1923;
- k. Gencho Ivanov, assistant director of personnel; ardent Communist and pre-1944 partisan; born about 1923;
- l. Georgi (lnu), assistant director of personnel; ardent Communist and pre-1944 partisan; born about 1914;
- m. Ivan Gerov, production manager since 1952; ardent Communist and political prisoner before September 1944; born in Gabrovo about 1923;
- n. Boncho Bonchev, in charge of employees' work records, which are kept in a section where a number of women employees are engaged as calculators (iz-chislitel); DSNM (Dimitrovski Sŭyuz na Narodnata Mladezh; Dimitrov Union of the People's Youth); born in 1927 in a village near Shumen (now Kolarovgrad);
- o. Nedyalko Sarunedyalkov, in charge of production "norms" (norma); ardent Communist; born about 1914 in Gabrovo;
- p. Iliya Iliev, employee of the production "norm" office since 1952; previously an employee of the factory and took a 3-month course (presumably in "norms") in 1952; Party member; born in Gabrovo about 1924;
- q. Angel Nikolov Angelov, employee in the production "norm" office; Communist Party member; born in Gabrovo about 1924;
- r. Ivan (lnu), supply chief; Communist Party member; born in a village near Gabrovo in 1926;
- s. Stefan Nikolov Stefanov, supply official for the factory dining room; Communist Party member; born in Gabrovo about 1923; and
- t. Stoyan Nikolov Stoyanov, in charge of the small parts store and of waste material; Party member; born about 1913 in "Boykata," Gabrovo Okoliya.

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8. the following technical personnel:

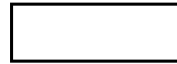
- a. Gencho Marinov, foreman of the shoe department; ardent Communist who was a political prisoner before September 1944; born in Gabrovo about 1903;
- b. Iliya Georgiev Kenarya, assistant foreman of the shoe department and in charge of the first or "A" shift of workers; ardent Communist; born in Lesicharka (N 42-56, E 25-23), Gabrovo Okoliya, about 1904;
- c. Stefan Ivanov Sonichka, assistant foreman of the shoe department and in charge of the second or "B" shift of workers; common laborer in the factory until late 1952 when he was sent to Czechoslovakia for a 6-months specialization course; born in Gabrovo in 1924;
- d. Savcho Atanasov Savchev, foreman of the leather goods department; ardent Communist; born in Gabrovo about 1913;

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- e. Sandyu Nikolov Sandev, foreman of the clothing department; Communist Party member; born about 1918 in a village in Svishtov Okoliya;
 - f. Nayden Neshev, foreman of the repair shop; ardent Communist; born about 1903 in Gabrovo; and
 - g. Lesyu Lesev, factory electrician; Communist Party member; born about 1910 in Gabrovo.
9. The factory is completely illuminated at night and is guarded by 25 members of the Economic Section of the Militia who are billeted at the factory. One Militiaman is always stationed at the entrance to check the entrance permits of the workers; these are folders with photographs of the bearer inside. In addition, teams of Militiamen patrol the factory area. Workers who lose their permits are investigated and sometimes even arrested for interrogation by the Militia. The permits are collected by the director of personnel every three months and re-validated by the Economic Section of the Militia. When workers leave in the evening they are completely searched by another worker in their section who is assigned the duty by the foreman of the section. The Militiaman at the gate may search them again if he so desires.
10. There is a road from the factory grounds into the center of Gabrovo. Municipal buses from three different quarters of Gabrovo bring workers directly to and from the factory. (The buses, on which the fair is 80 stotinki, only go as far as the factory at the hours when shifts change.)
11. The factory is completely under Bulgarian management and there are no Soviet supervisors or employees. One day in 1952, however, the factory was visited by a Soviet production expert named Lidiya Korabelnikova. She also visited the "Georgi Kirkov" tannery. She was born about 1926, and is described as having a round face, blonde hair, blue eyes, and being of medium weight and very attractive.

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1. One-story building with the following divisions:
 - a. Infirmary.
 - b. Garage.
 - c. Storage room for waste.
 - d. Repair shop.
 - e. Loudspeaker system control room.
 - f. Dormitory for Militiamen.
2. Three-story building used as follows:
 - a. First floor - storeroom for finished shoes, and storeroom for shoe materials.
 - b. Second floor - section manufacturing Army shoes, section manufacturing rubber-soled shoes for civilians, section cutting leather and hide for shoes, and two rooms for technical personnel.
 - c. Third floor - section producing rubber-soled shoes for civilians, section producing other shoes for civilians, section cutting and preparing shoe uppers, cashier's office; offices for the accounting, bookkeeping, production "norm," and work records sections.
 - d. Attic - storage space for shoe lasts.
3. Three-story building used as follows:
 - a. First floor - central heating system, bathroom, two storerooms for uniforms, storerooms for leather goods and shoeboxes.
 - b. Second floor - section manufacturing Army shoes, uniform cutting section, glue section, and main electric power control room.
 - c. Third floor - uniform tailoring section.
 - d. Attic - storage space for scraps and waste.
4. Three-story building used as follows:
 - a. First floor - dining room, tailoring section, uniform storeroom.
 - b. Second floor - leather goods section, labor union office, DSNM office, assembly hall, shoebox storeroom.
 - c. Third floor - offices for technical personnel of leather goods section; shoebox section, office of assistant director, office of director of personnel.
 - d. Attic - telephone switchboard office, storage space for scraps and waste.

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5. Park (with trees).
6. Yantra River.
7. "Georgi Kirkov" tannery.*
8. Open storage areas for gasoline and oil drums.
9. Transformer station.
10. Football field.
11. Apple orchard.
12. Grass lawn.
13. Driveway.
14. Road to Gabrovo.

* NOTE: [redacted] the "Georgi Kirkov" tannery is south of the "Sŭrp i Chuk" factory and on the same side of the Yantra River, while the "Deveti Septemvri" woolen mill is shown across from the "Sŭrp i Chuk" factory. This is confirmed by another city plan, but [redacted] the "Georgi Kirkov" tannery is across the river from the "Sŭrp i Chuk" factory. [redacted]

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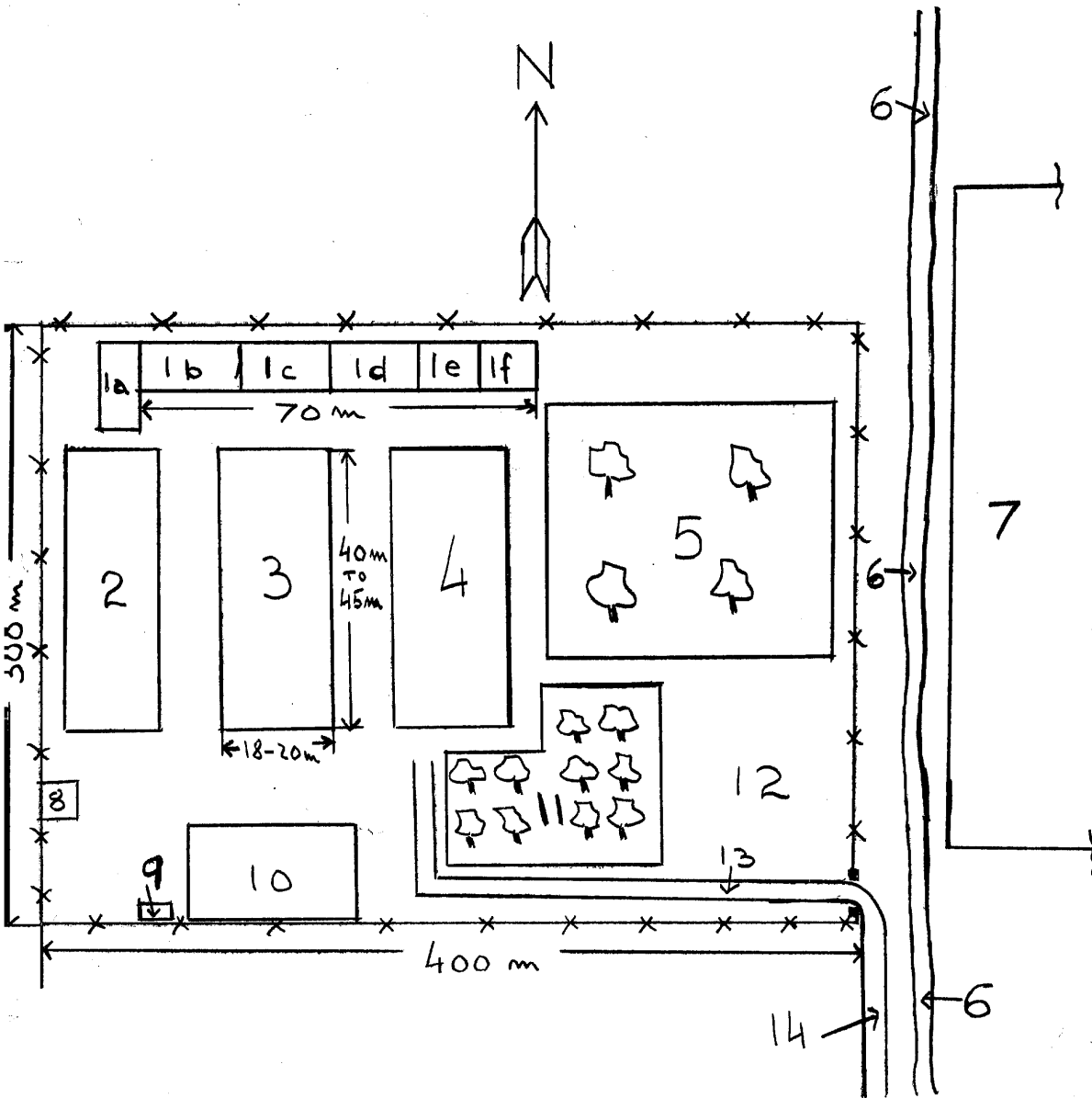
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The "Surp i Chuk" Military Uniform and Equipment Factory at Gabrovo

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